GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under NREGS Scheme taken up in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri M.Gajendran, EE, PRI Division, Parvathipuram under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 678 **Dated: 11-07-2016**

Read the following:

1. DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), Dt.27.11.2014.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri M.Gajendran, EE, PRI Division, Parvathipuram, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad(with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government)
SF/SC.

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Annexure – I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram

Charge-1

That Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer has involved in allegations of irregularities in execution of following three works by allowing payment for poor quality of work without conducting required check and check measurement causing a loss to Government to a tune of Rs.12,49,800/-.

1. Road from NH-5 to Appalapayakaraopeta
2. Providing internal roads and drain in INDIRAMMA SC/ST Colony, Darlapudi
3. Formation of road upto WBM Grade-II in Allumiyapalem

By his above mentioned act, Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department vide their report No.32(C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 has verified the works taken up under MGNREGS in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District from 26-11-2013 to 04-12-2013 and made the following observations for the following works:

Work No.1: Road from NH-5 to Appalapayakaraopeta

The work was technically sanctioned vide DR No.67/DB, dt.13-01-2012 for Rs.18.00 lakhs of EE, PRI, Narsipatnam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

i. The test results of GSB material indicates that proper gradation was not followed and the plasticity index is found to be 28% which is much higher than the required value of 6% indicating that granular sub base is executed without mixing of sand with gravel.

ii. Liquid Limit of 45% is beyond the tolerable limit of 25% as per Table 400-2 of MORTH. The sand collection was recorded without actually executing in the field.

iii. The GSB layer failed to satisfy the required plasticity index value and hence liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.3,60,218/- is to be recovered towards the value of the rejected quantity of the work.

Work No.2: Providing internal roads and drain in INDIRAMMA SC/ST Colony, Darlapudi

The work was technically sanctioned vide DR No.67/DB, dt.31-01-2012 for Rs.25.00 lakhs of EE, PRI, Narsipatnam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

i. As per NREGS guidelines, the Executive Engineer should inspect the site before issuing Technical sanction. If any, discrepancy observed in sanctioned list of works, the Executive Engineer should inform to the administrative authority for rectification. But the work was executed where only four families were living which leads to a wasteful expenditure to Govt. Exchequer.

ii. The strength of M 30 grade for CC pavement Road No. I & III is not satisfying the required strength criteria and hence liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.2,84,914/- is to be recovered towards the value of the rejected quantity of the work.

iii. An amount of Rs.2,304/- is proposed as recovery towards shortage in length of CC pavement road No. XIII.

iv. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Narsipatnam failed to check measure the work as per codal provisions and issued pass-order for release of payment without satisfying himself on the quality of work.

v. The cracks should be rectified immediately and should be treated otherwise the road surface gets spoiled.

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Work No.3: Formation of road upto WBM Gr-II in Allumiyapalem

The work was technically sanctioned vide CR No.6/11-12, dt.18-01-2012 for Rs.50.00 lakhs of SE, PR, Visakhapatnam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

i. The working estimate is approved by changing the classification of soil and allowing machinery for earth work excavation in place of manual labor which is irregular, defeating the NREGS norms of providing employment to the local unskilled labour for their livelihood.

ii. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Narsipatnam violated the norms as per para 294 of APWD code and Memo No.42243/Estl(i)/99/2, dt.09-02-2000 of Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., PR&RD, .Hyderabad in not check measuring the works costing more than Rs.5.00 lakhs.

iii. The location along the road for gravel excavation exhibits that the gravel is not brought from outside the quarry.

iv. The GSB layer failed to satisfy the required plasticity index value and hence liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.2,95,848/- is to be recovered towards the value of the rejected quantity of the work.

v. An amount of Rs.3,06,516/- is to be recovered towards non-utilization of tractor grader in leveling of earth work.

vi. OMC Compaction of earth and GSB are recorded without knowing the MDD value of earth and GSB is impossible. Failure in conducting the quality verification tests results in laying of poor quality earthen embankment and GSB layers without proper compaction.

vii. Verification of levels on the next of day of taking levels with the same height of collimation is not possible.

viii. Discrepancy in the muster rolls exhibits that the muster rolls are fabricated.

ix. Huge payments to Ch.Srinivasa Rao, contractor reveals that the work was executed through him.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
M.Gajendran	Road from NH-5 to Appalapayakaraopeta	Rejection of GSB for high plasticity index value	3,60,218
		Sub-Total	**3,60,218**
	Providing internal roads and drain in INDIRAMMA SC/ST Colony, Darlapudi	Rejection of M30 grade concrete for CC pavement	2,84,914
		Recovery towards short length of CC pavement	2,304
		Sub-Total	**2,87,218**
	Formation of road upto WBM Grade-II in Allumiyapalem	Rejection of GSB for high plasticity index value	2,95,848
		Recovery towards non utilization of tractor with grader	3,06,516
			6,02,364
		Grand Total	**12,49,800**

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The individual has deviated the office procedure for his personal gain and allowed the following in violation of APCS rules.

i. Allowed payment for poor quality of work without conducting required checks causing revenue loss of Rs.12,49,800/- to the Government exchequer.

ii. Recommended payment without attending to check measurement in violation of codal rules.

iii. Allowing fabricated musters & purchase bills for payment without scrutiny

iv. Allowing contractors in execution of NREGS works

By his above mentioned act, Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charges framed against Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram are proposed to be sustained.

1. Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 of Vigilance & Enforcement Department.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges framed against Sri M.Gajendran, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Parvathipuram are proposed to be sustained.

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